

CAPSULE SUMMARY - PAUL WARD (CT-1059)

This is one of the most interesting of the county's 24 x 40 foot tobacco barns. Extensive rebuilding has made this barn completely deceptive. In fact, the structure is so low slung that one wonders if it is a tobacco barn. The present structure measures 56 x 56 feet with an attached open-air equipment shed off the southeast corner. Although one roof now covers the barn, its original plan consisted of a cross-axial main block on a east-west axis with sheds on the north, south and east sides.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Ward Barn A

2. Location

street & number 7051 Prout Rd. (Now on John C. Ward Road) ☐ not for publicationcity, town Friendship ☒ Paris vicinity of congressional district

state MD county 20758

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. Paul Ward

street & number 7051 Prout Rd. telephone no.: 257-2256

city, town Friendship state and zip code MD 20758

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber JLB 135

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 209

city, town Prince Frederick state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CT-1059

Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☐ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Attachment.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Attachment.

7. DESCRIPTION CT-1059

The Paul Ward barn is located on the Ward "home-place" on Boyd's Turn Rd., approximately three miles from its intersection with Maryland Rte. 265. There are several other barns on the property, but this is by far the earliest of them. The Ward barn is situated on a relatively flat site surrounded by hills and oriented on an east-west axis. The early Ward house site was immediately to the south of the barn. A farm road runs between this old house site and the south facade of the barn. The timbers of the barn are hewn and pit sawn and early machine-cut nails are visible. The forty by twenty-four foot cross-axial plan barn has sheds on three sides.

The barn is divided into five eight foot wide bays. Doors were centered along each side. The barn contained ten rooms. Wood blocks serve to support the heavy timber frame. Posts, downbraces, cross sills, and nailing rails are all large hewn and pit sawn timbers. The posts are joined to the plate and sill by mortise and tenon joints with trunnels.

The entire roof appears to have been replaced, enlarged and made higher at some point in order to extend across both the north, south and east sheds. The roof rafters are circular sawn, and there is an unusual spacing between the collars. The rafters extend from the peak of the barn into both the north and south sheds. The same roof also extends over the eastern shed. Shingle nailers are in place under the corrugated metal roof. The circular sawn replacement rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. They are supported by four collars. The tie beams in the original forty by twenty-four foot section are hewn timbers, whereas those in the east shed addition are circular sawn. Although the rafters are continuous over the barn and the north and south sheds, the tie beams of the barn roof and the north and south sheds are separate. Vertical wall siding with some hinged ventilation doors covers the exterior of the barn. Tier poles are circular sawn replacements. There are peeled log poles down the central axis.

Three sixteen foot wide sheds are located on the barn. These sheds are on the north, south, and east sides. Their peeled-log posts are supported by concrete block masonry piers. The timbers in them are primarily circular sawn and both cut and wire nails are visible. The north shed has one door centered in its facade. It is enclosed with vertical wall siding with some hinged ventilation doors. The south shed is open-air. The lower half of the south shed wall of the barn, where it joins with the south shed, is sided with tight-fitting wide boards, and the upper half is sided with horizontal weatherboards. This south shed was possibly used to stable cattle as it is customary to tightly enclose the barn from the shed area. Both north and south sheds have shingle nailers underneath the metal roof. The east shed also measures sixteen feet wide. It is divided into bays

7. DESCRIPTION CT-1059 (CONT.)

measuring eight feet each. Its southern corner has a totally enclosed stripping area with electricity that is floored approximately twelve feet above ground. A ladder leads up to the second story. It has no shingle nailers under the roof, and dates to a somewhat later date than the other two sheds. Attached to the southeast corner of this east shed is a fourteen foot wide open-air vehicle storage shed.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1059

This barn is architecturally significant for several reasons. It is one member of the group of forty by twenty-four foot barns dating to the nineteenth century that have been discovered by this survey. It is also one of the nineteenth-century barns that is completely deceiving from the exterior. The rebuilding of the roof makes the barn appear to be of original measurements of fifty-six by fifty-six. In fact, the barn from the exterior is so low-slung that one wonders if it is even a tobacco barn. With internal inspection the evidence of the roof re-building becomes clear, and the original early forty by twenty-four foot barn is seen.

This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to its cultivation than for both of the next most extensive farm products (corn and wheat). The barns and stripping houses related to this "Tobacco Culture" are widely recognized as the most common element on the rural landscape. These structures are also the most threatened, as the market for tobacco declines. They seem to have, at present, only limited capabilities for re-use. Many barns and stripping houses now stand empty. The purpose of this survey has been to gather information and document a wide sample of these structures before they disappear from the landscape.

Historic Period theme(s): ca. 1830-; Tobacco; Agriculture
Geographic Organization: Western shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert
Cty MD
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1830-Present
Resource Type(s): Tobacco barn

The replacement of the roof makes it difficult to decipher the existence of any early sheds on the barn. The north and south sheds that the barn now has date to the roof rebuilding (ca. 1860-1880). The east shed is possibly of later date. The only shed added after this date is the late twentieth-century vehicle storage shed. The north side of the barn is weathered and was sided, therefore it seems probable that prior to the roof rebuilding (1830-1860) there was no shed on the north side. The south side is sided but is significantly less weathered. This, in combination with the fact that this is the most frequent location for a shed, make it possible that there was an original shed here (probably open-air). The east side is weathered and was sided, therefore it is probable that there was no original shed on the east side. Other modifications to the barn include the placement of concrete blocks under the barn for support and the replacement of the shingle roof with metal.

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PAUL WARD BARN 3/19/90 W #2032

DOOR, 15' 9"

23'

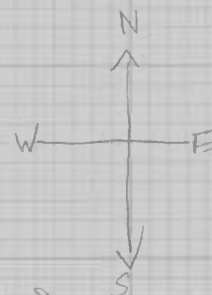
31' 8"

32'

N side

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N side barn



Center axis

W side shed

SHED 1

orig. brace mortise evident

EARLY DOOR

post (now removed)
+ sill cut out until
brace

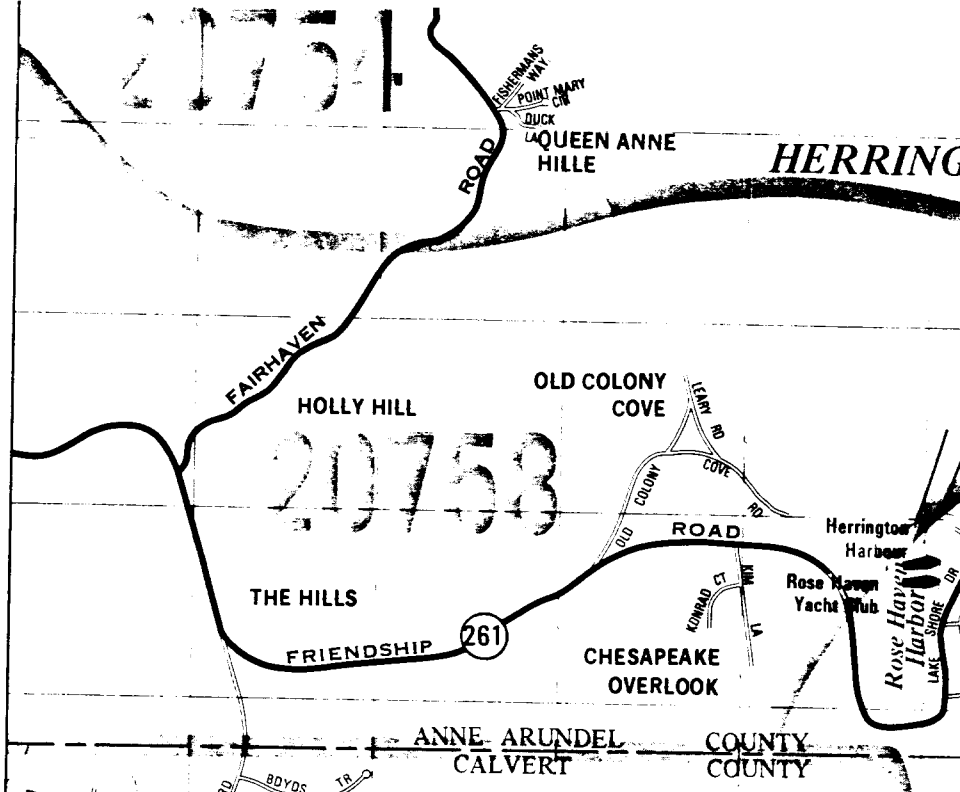
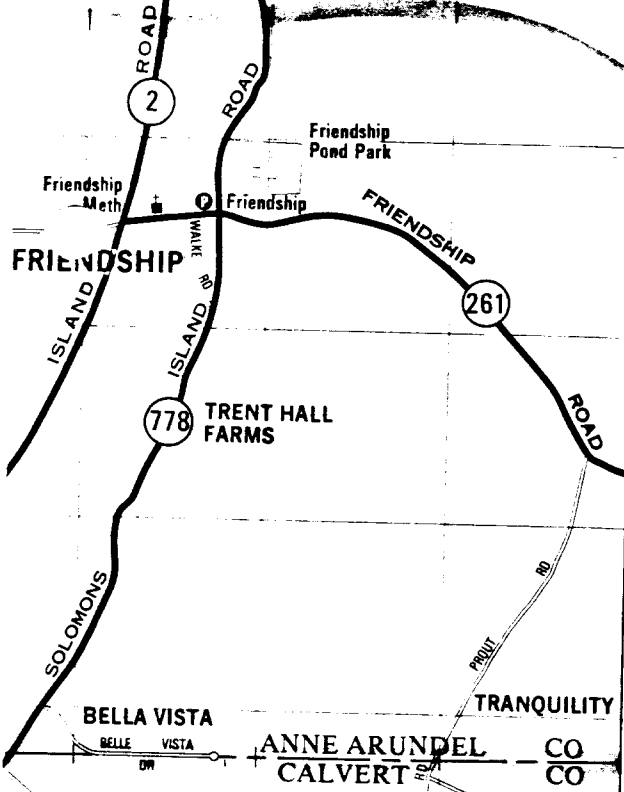
SHED 2 (OPEN BETWEEN POSTS)

TOTALLY
ENCLOSED
STRIPPING AREA

OPEN-AIR
EQUIP.
SHED

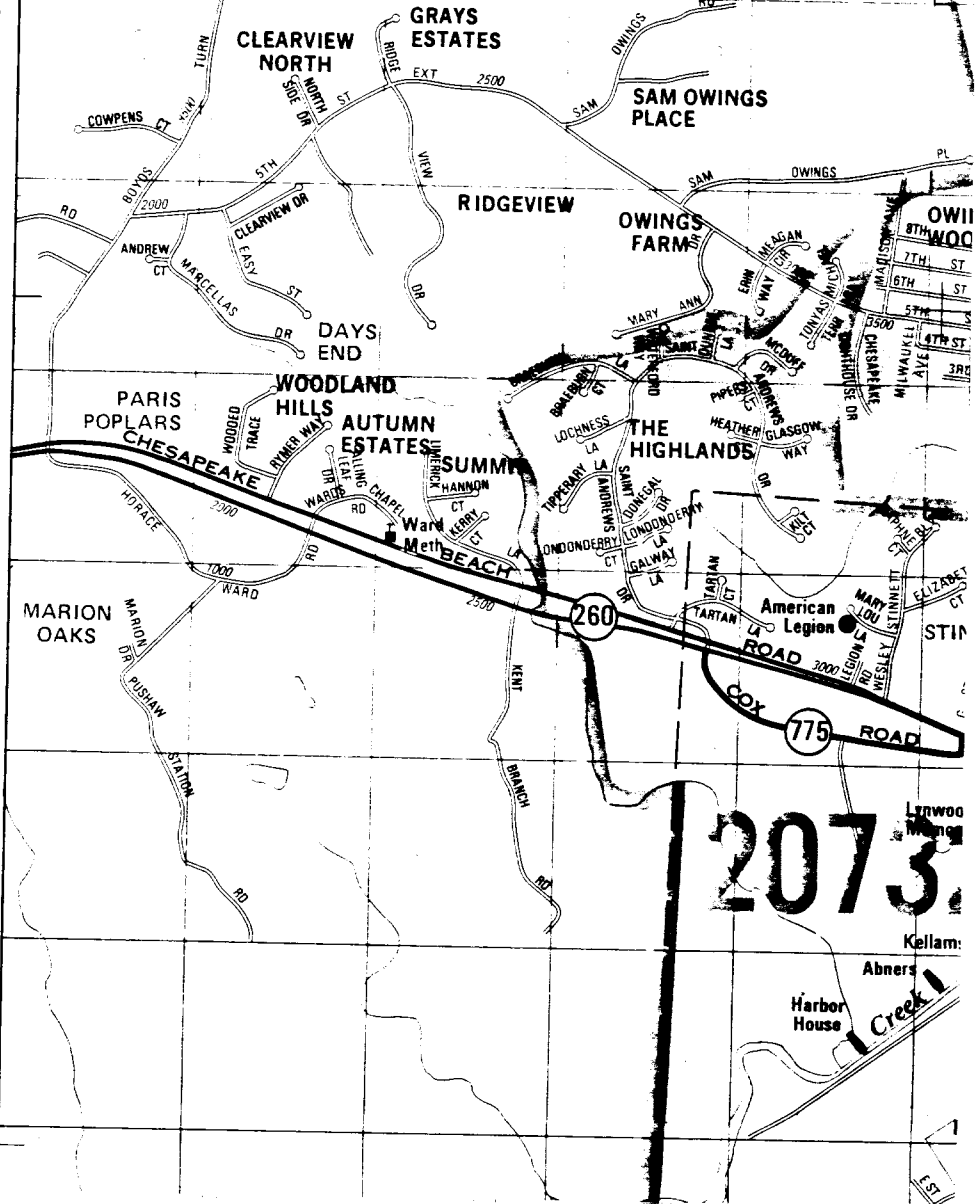
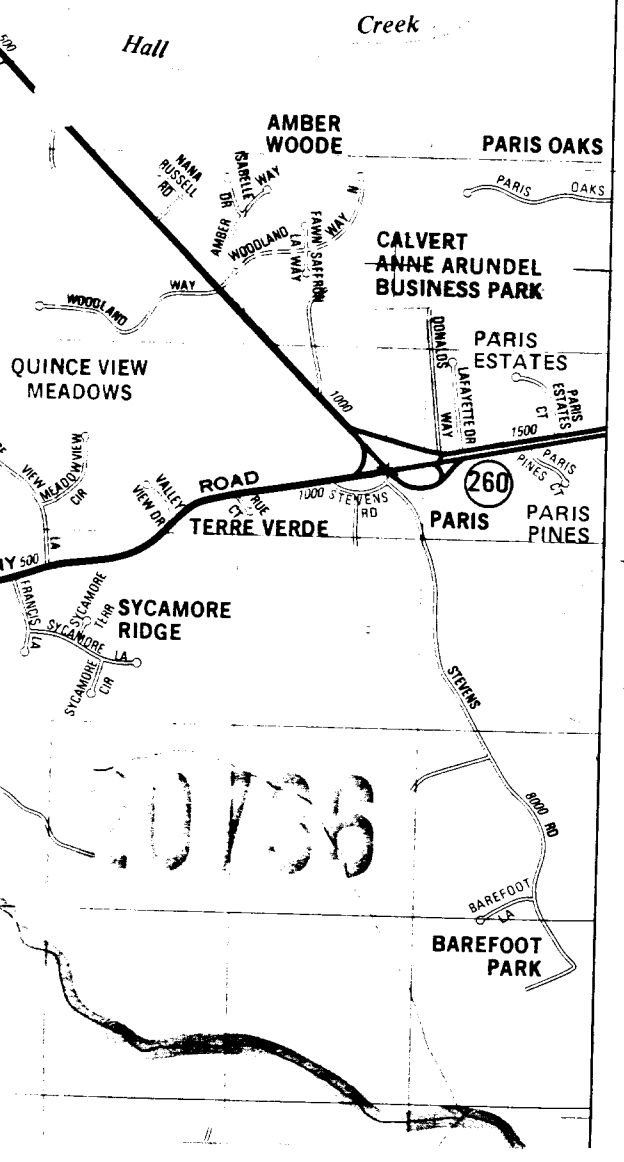
E side barn

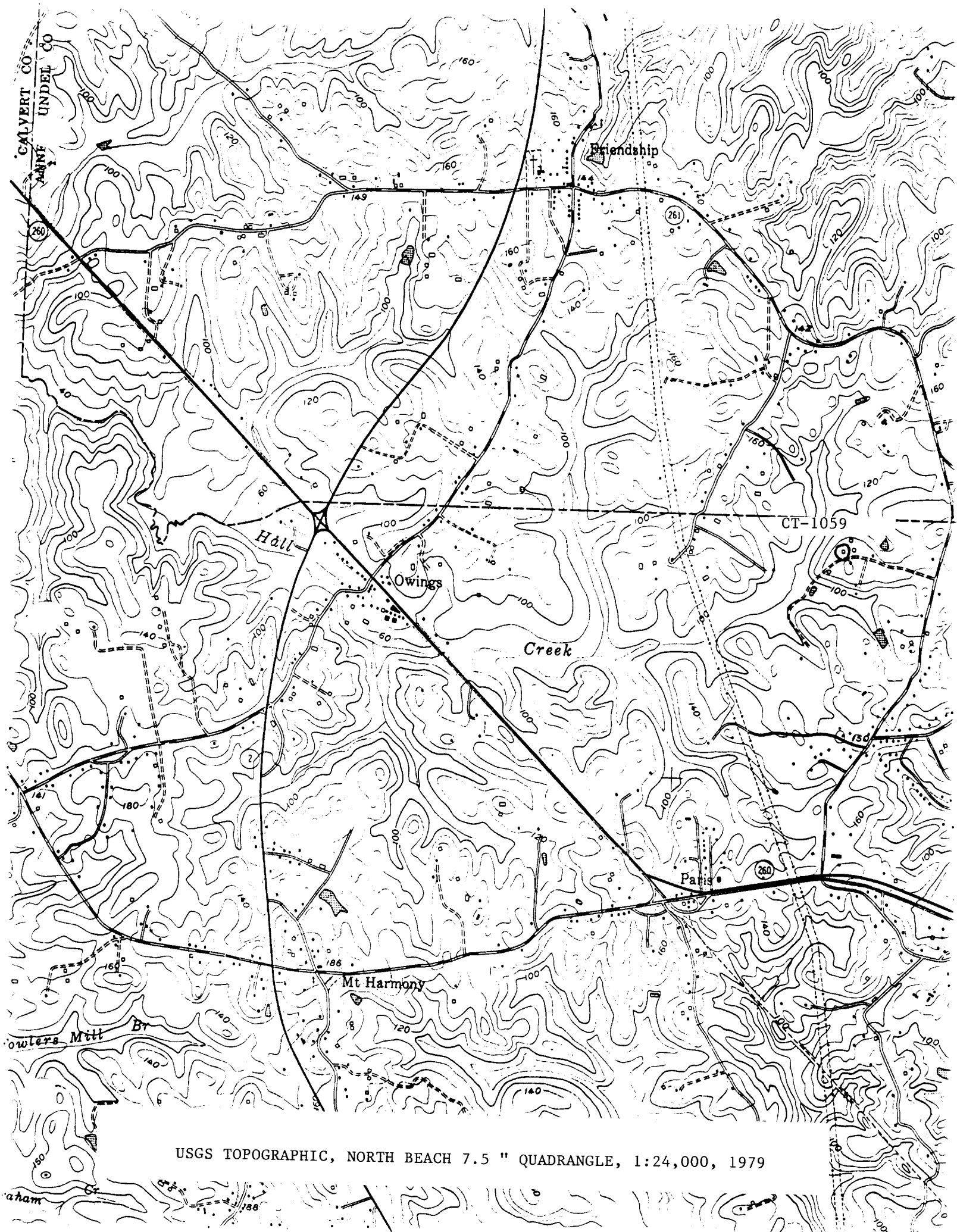
S side barn



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WARD BARKER A

OWINGS

TORIL L WILLIAMS

SOUTHEAST

MARCH, 1990